



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE**

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State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Name of Proposal: POWERLINE CHANNEL REPAIR

Description of Proposal: Powerline channel was constructed in 2003 to provide spawning habitat for chum salmon. During the flood of October 2003, approximately 1100 square meters of spawning gravel in the upstream portion of the channel was buried with fine sediment to an average depth of 8-25 cm (approximately 360 cubic yards), which has greatly reduced the potential productivity of the site. The intent of this project is to remove fine sediment from the bed of the channel to increase the amount of high quality spawning habitat available to chum salmon. Construction work will involve draining the pond with several large pumps and using a tracked excavator or dozer to scrape the fine material off the bed and transport it to the banks. The material will be loaded onto dump trucks and moved to a stable waste site located away from the channel and floodplain.

Proponent: Skagit River System Cooperative
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Located off powerline access road, near Illabot Creek on left bank of the Skagit River, Rockport, Washington, Skagit County; SE¼ of Section 22, Township 35 North, Range 10EastWM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date of issue below. Comments must be submitted by: **July 26, 2006**

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

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e-mail:habitatSEPA@dfw.wa.gov if you have questions or comments about this determination.

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